

Call To Order:

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

Those present were:

Dave Engelhardt, BCATS staff; Dirk Westbury, BCATS staff; Dale Majerczyk, City of Essexville; Adam Rivard, MDOT; Jim Lillo, Bay County Road Commission; John Gaydos, City of Bay City; Nick Perfili, MDOT; Rick Lilly, MDOT; Anamika Ladd, ECMPDR.

It was moved by Gaydos, seconded by Perfili, to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2007 meeting. Motion Passed.

New TIP Funding Mechanism:

Engelhardt discussed the new TIP funding mechanism which deals with lump sum or pro-rata. With these new changes it will mean changes in how funds are allocated for BCATS projects. The maximum amount for a project will be 80% of the project final bid amounts. Under the new mechanism, there won't be additional funds available for cost over runs, should they occur. A lot of questions have been raised by these changes, and it's unsure how exactly the changes will affect funding at this time. Perfili will get more information and details regarding this new TIP funding mechanism and will email the information to Engelhardt.

Self-Certification:

Engelhardt discussed the Self-Certification process. Engelhardt explained that this is a yearly formality for the committee. The Self-Certification needs to be incorporated in the TIP instead of the UWP as was done in the past.

A motion was made by Perfili, seconded by Gaydos, to make favorable recommendation to the BCATS Policy Committee to approve the Self-Certification, allowing Dale Majerczyk as the Chair and Dave Engelhardt to sign the self-certification paperwork. Motion Passed.

2008-09-10-11 TIP:

Engelhardt provided members with a handout of the 2006-07-08 TIP projects and the draft 2008-09-10-11 TIP projects and discussed the projects and how the '08 portion of current 2006-07-08 TIP must mirror the '08 portion in the new 2008-09-10-11 TIP. The changes that need to be made in the 2006-07-08 TIP include:

- 1) The addition on the GPA numbers in 2008 provided by MDOT
- 2) Changes to the Bay Metro Projects
- 3) Combining Henry St Phases 2 & 3 into one phase and moving the project forward to 2007 for a Local Jobs Today Loan
- 4) Removing the M-25 project from the 2006-07-08 TIP as the project is being delayed until 2009

Discussing ensued on regarding the Henry St project and Local Jobs Today Funds. Gaydos added that without a Local Jobs Today Loan, the remainder of the Henry St project would be dead as the city would not have the local match for the project.

A motion was made by Majerczyk, seconded by Lillo, to make a favorable recommendation to the Policy Committee to amendment to the 2006-07-08 TIP with the said changes upon

confirmation of Henry St receiving Local Jobs Today Funds. Motion Passed.

2008-09-10-11 Four Year TIP for Public Review:

Prior to approval of the new 2008-09-10-11 TIP, the document needs to be available for public review. Engelhardt noted that the TIP would be published for 30 days as it is stated the Participation Plan that was adopted in June 2006 as part of the BCATS Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The new TIP, with approval, would go into effect at the start of FY 2008 (Oct. 1, 2007).

A motion was made by Majerczyk, seconded by Perfili, to favorably recommend making the 2008-09-10-11 TIP available for public review in accordance to the Participation Plan. Motion Passed.

BCATS 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP):

The MTP was posted for the 30 day public review on March 17, 2007. Engelhardt discussed the comments received to date and those received at the public review session held at the Wirt Library on April 5, 2007. He also stated that BCATS would have to add the Consultation chapter in the MTP which will outline the steps taken by BCATS for outreach efforts and the comments received during the process.

A motion was made by Gaydos, seconded by Perfili, to favorably recommend to the BCATS Policy Committee that the 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan be approved, with the addition of the Consultation chapter. Motion passed.

2008 Unified Work Program:

Engelhardt discussed the 2008 Unified Work Program and explained that he was still working on it. Engelhardt is checking into the Public Participation requirements for the UWP. It's anticipated that the UWP will be ready for committee approval at the June, 2007 meeting.

State Budget:

Engelhardt discussed the state budget and the impact it would have on MDOT regarding both road projects and staff support. There have been some major cuts made to the travel expenses that can be incurred by state staff. Therefore, state staff will be limited as to the committee meetings they are allowed to attend.

FHWA Letter:

Engelhardt provided members with a handout of a letter from FHWA regarding outstanding unfinished/inactive projects and funding. Particularly, the time limits for projects (*outlined on page 1, section 3*). The way the information is worded, it seems that if projects are not completed within the allotted time frame that funding allocations can be lost. There is a need to get more information on this subject. There are no project in the BCATS area that are listed as unfinished/inactive.

Project Updates:

The *Pine Street Project* will have an August or September letting. The project may not be completed until spring 2008 for the completion of clean-up efforts. The *Wenona Street*

Project for resurfacing and paving is underway. There were some problems with the quality of sand used for the project, which has created some delays. However, it is anticipated that the project will be completed by June 20, 2007. The *Woodside Avenue Project* for the mill and resurface of road along with the replacement of some sewer will be advertised April 26, 2007 with bids coming in by July 6, 2007. It is anticipated that there will be a September 4, 2007 letting for this project. It is anticipated that the project will be completed by November 15, 2007. The *Veteran Memorial Bridge* is open. However, the bridge will be closed for a few weeks in May to complete the project. The *Henry St Project* will be let in the fall with construction beginning in spring 2008.

Other/New Business:

MBS Airport Expansion Project:

There was some discussion regarding the MBS Airport Expansion Project and what, if any, involvement BCATS would have with the project. There was some question as to the involvement of BCATS since the project is part of the Midland urbanized area as well as Bay and Saginaw Counties if there would be some additional funding available. MBS has three issues they would like to see addressed: 1) Better snow removal; 2.) The widening of Garfield Road, and; 3.) A Garfield Road interchange. Since Garfield Rd is not part of the BCATS area, it would not be eligible for BCATS funds.

Asset Management:

Engelhardt discussed the importance of developing the Asset Management Plan. Engelhardt attended a meeting in which Rick Lilly from MDOT discussed the need for such a plan. The Asset Management Plan can be used as a vital tool to help provide a way to move funds around. There will be a Asset Management Conference taking place on April 11, 2007 in Lansing. There will also be a training session taking place on April 12, 2007.

Wayne State University Safety Audit/Study:

Wayne State University conducted a Safety Audit/Study a few years ago regarding intersection safety. Students from Wayne State collected data at intersections around Bay County. Wayne State University will be returning to Bay County for a visit on April 26, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. in the 7th Floor Conference room of the Bay County Building. The purpose of this visit is to determine how MPOs have been able to use the information provided from the Wayne State University study.

Trail Summit:

Ladd provided the committee with flyers and discussed the Trail Summit taking place on May 10, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Trail Summit will be a time to discuss various trail issues as well as funding sources and liability issues. Local government is encouraged to attend this meeting in order to give input for the Regional Plan.

New East Central Region News Letter:

A new East Central Region news letter will be produced quarterly which will outline

items of interest that are taking place within the region. Ladd shared copies of the first issue with the committee.

As there was no further business, the April 10, 2007 BCATS Technical Committee meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Engelhardt
BCATS Director

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